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SUBJ INTERNATIONAL WOODWORKERS OF AMERICA MEMBERS NARROWLY
REJECT SPECIAL MEDIATOR PROPOSAL FOR NEW CONTRACT

REF: VANCOUVER 661

1. 30,000 COASTAL MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOODWORKERS
OF AMERICA (IWA) HAVE NARROWLY REJECTED RECOMMENDATIONS BY
SPECIAL MEDIATOR MR. JUSTICE HENRY HUTCHEON FOR NEW CONTRACT.
VOTE REPORTED TQ PERCENT OPPOSED 49 PERCENT IN FAVOR.

2. OBSERVERS SAY VOTE HARDLY MANDATE FOR STRIKE AND LATER
VOTE POSSIBLE. UNION S MAIN OBJECTIONS TO HUTCHEON PROPOSAL
ARE TWO-YEAR LENGTH OF CONTRACT AND INADEQUATE COST OF
LIVING PROTECTION IN SECOND YEAR. EMPLOYERS HAVE REJECTED
ANY CHANGES IN HUTCHEON PROPOSAL WHICH THEY HAVE ONLY
"RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED"

3. 7,000 SOUTHERN INTERIOR IWA MEMBERS HAVE APPROVED
RECOMMENDATIONS BY 84 PERCENT MARGIN, BUT EMPLOYERS
ASSOCIATION IN THAT AREA HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED OR REJECTED
HUTCHEON REPORT.

4. BOTH CANADIAN PAPERWORKERS UNION (CPWU) AND PULP, PAPER
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AND WOODWORKERS OF CANADA (PPWC) HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY WILL
ESCALATE PICKETING OF IWA OPERATED PLANTS AFTER SEPT. 1.
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